# Acton 2020 Implementation Committee Phase III Update



### Acton 2020 Goals & Objectives passed at 2012 Annual Town Meeting

#### **Goals**

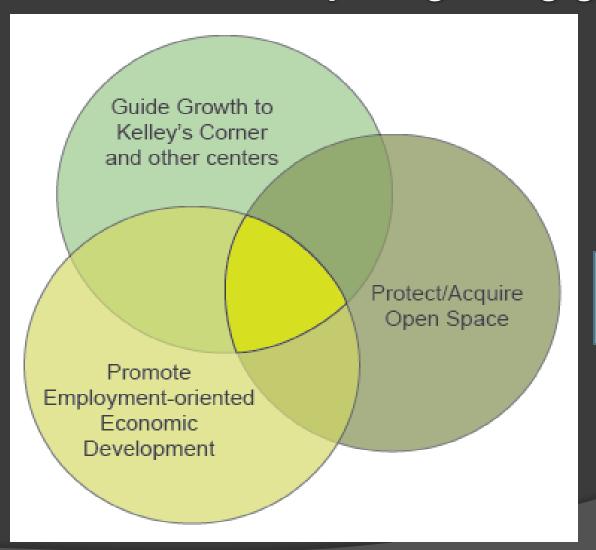
- Preserve and Enhance Town Character
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Improve Connections
- Provide More Opportunities for Community Gathering and Recreation
- Support Inclusion and Diversity
- Preserve and Enhance Town-owned Assets
- Maintain and Improve Financial Well-being of the Town

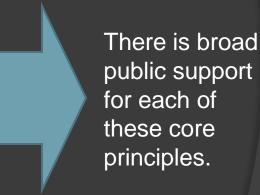
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### Since Annual Town Meeting, progress made to implement the plan

- Planning Board adopted Acton 2020 Plan
- Board of Selectmen established the Acton 2020 Implementation Committee for Phase III
- Acton 2020 Implementation Committee holds kick-off meeting in September
- Committee begins reaching out to "lead owners" of highest priority action items and "ripe apple" items

### Three core principles set the foundation of plan's "roadmap for guiding growth"





### Kelley's Corner transformation is a key priority

Kelley's Corner is the Gateway to the Town.

Political support is very strong.

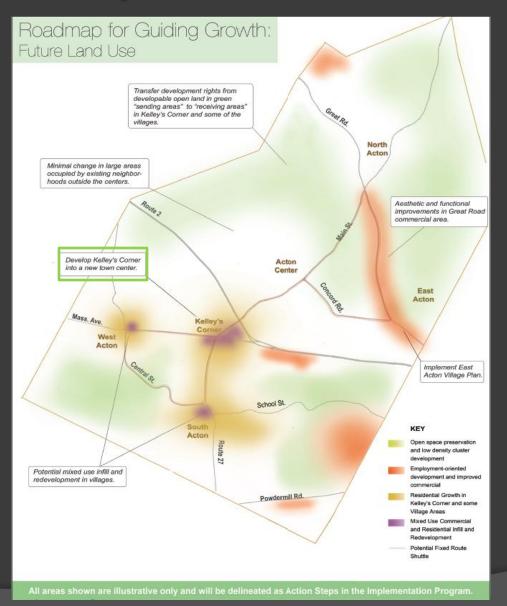
 A proactive approach is necessary to define Kelley's Corner before it is defined without us.



"Unlike other towns that usher visitors through a front door with curb appeal, Acton invites visitors to arrive through the garage door—past parking lots, blacktop and concrete."

Comment from Acton 2020 Kelley's Corner Blog

### Kelley's Corner is the 1st step of the Road Map



- 1. In Kelley's Corner:
  - development design standards
  - regulatory/zoning reform, and
  - improved public infrastructure
- 2. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)
  - preserve open space (sending areas)
  - direct new growth to Kelley's Corner (receiving area);
- 3. Operate the Roadmap program components in a synchronized manner; fine tune and improve; then expand program to other centers.

### Developing a design framework is essential for the transformation of Kelley's Corner

- Visualization of a successful town center
- Zoning recommendations
- Architectural guidelines



The process for developing the design framework must be determined through a robust public process.

### Design framework informs public infrastructure improvements

- Sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Utilities
- Public Transit
- Road
- Bicycles
- Traffic Signals













#### 2013 capital request begins Kelley's Corner transformation

1. DESIGN FRAMEWORK

(Design Standards and Zoning Reform)

+/- 60,000.00

2. IMPROVED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

(25% Engineering Design Plan)

+/- 192,000.00

**CONTINGENCIES +/-10%** 

+/- 25,000.00

**Total** 

+/-277,000.00



A 25% design plan is required in order to submit a competitive MassWorks grant application.

## MassWorks grant has potential to offset huge cost to the town

TOTAL COST TO ACTON -

(25% Design Plan, Regulatory Zoning and Design Guidelines)

+/- \$277,000.00

COST COVERD BY MASSWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT –

(Complete Design Plan and Construction)

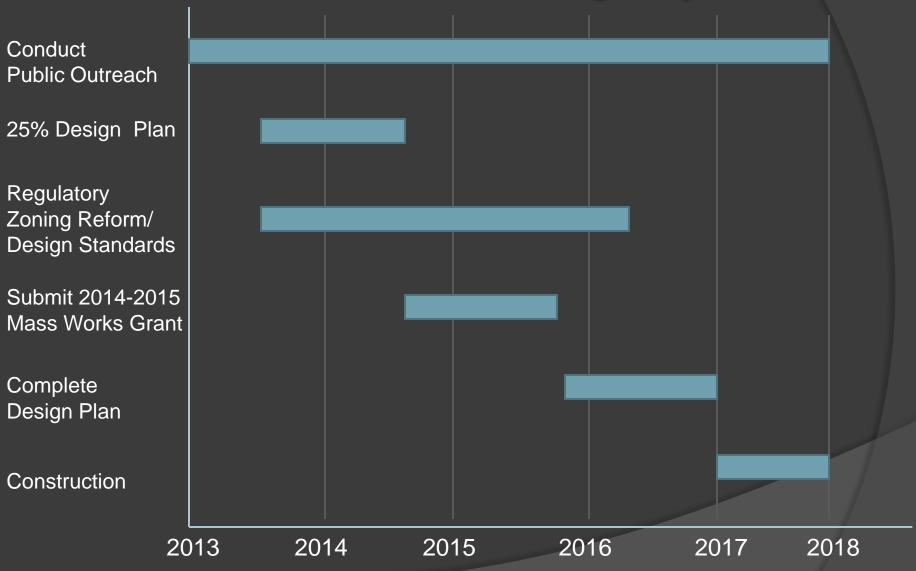
<u>Total</u>

+/- \$3,177,000.00

+/- \$2,900,000.00

Acton would pay less than 10%





### It is important to act now

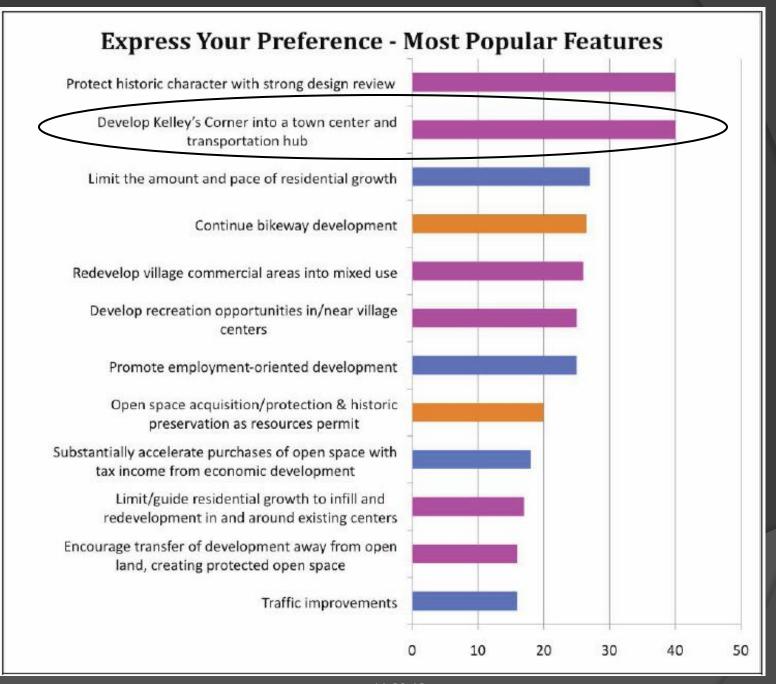
- Transform Kelley's Corner before it is defined for us
- Momentum for implementing the Plan cannot be lost
- Process is long and we need to start now

"If you don't know where you're going, you might wind up somewhere else." -Yogi Berra



Thank you

### Additional Slides



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#### MassWorks Infrastructure Grant

#### Project must have a positive impact on either:

- Housing development at a density of at least 4 units to the acre
- Transportation improvements to enhance safety in small rural communities
- Economic development and job creation and retention

#### MassWorks Infrastructure Grant

#### Scoring Guide is based on:

- Economic development project type
  - -Infrastructure supports future growth
- Consistency with MassWorks funding priorities
  - -Supports transit-oriented development
- Readiness to proceed
  - -Design completeness
- Consistence with planning and zoning
  - -Local zoning supports as-of-right development

### KELLEY'S CORNER: IMPROVED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- A 25% preliminary design plan constructed by a MassDOT certified civil/transportation engineering firm is needed.
- The plan must comply with MassDOT standards (Mass. Ave. is State highway).
- Extensive public involvement & input will be essential.
- The plan must be in coordination with design standards / zoning reforms effort.

### Moving Acton 2020 forward Actions Taken for Kelley's Corner Improvements

Acton 2020
Goals and
Objectives
Adopted at 2012
ATM

Planning Board Adopt Acton 2020 plan 2012
MassWorks
Infrastructure
Grant filed

Technical
Assistance Grant
filed for Zoning &
Design
Standards

Next step.....

25% Design Plan and Regulatory Zoning/Design Guidelines

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Relationships among Roadmap Components (colored ovals), Other Strategies (darker gray bubbles), and Fiscal Capacity (gold bubble)

